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Conveyances from the jail to the court for the undertrial accused in the Trichinopoly Railway strike case.

879-A Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) what the number of undertrial accused in the Trichinopoly Railway strike case is;

(b) what the distance is from the central jail to the court of the special magistrate, Trichinopoly;

(c) what sort of conveyance has been provided for the accused and how many such conveyances have been engaged for the purpose;

(d) whether it is a fact that one of the undertrial accused requested the special magistrate to provide a few more conveyances; and

(e) whether the special magistrate has now passed orders granting his request?

A.—(a) to (e) The Government have no information; they have called for it.

Alleged request of the undertrial accused in the Trichinopoly strike case to hold the court nearer the jail.

879-B Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the undertrial accused in the Trichinopoly strike case requested the special magistrate to hold the court in a place nearer to the jail so that speedy justice could be had;

(b) whether their request has been granted; and

(c) if not, why not?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) The Government having sanctioned the provision of conveyance to the prisoners under trial the need for complying with their request ceased.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA:—"May I know why was this request not granted?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Because a motor bus has now been provided for taking these prisoners to the court, there is no necessity for holding the court near the jail."

Proposed appointment of separate surgeons for police officials.

880 Q.—Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that separate police surgeons in the hospitals are proposed to be appointed for the police officers; whether such appointments are made in any other province in India;

(b) what is the recurring and non-recurring expenditure involved in such a proposal and at whose initiative such a proposal is made;

(c) whether the present system in vogue has been found defective; and, if so, how; and when and by whom;

(*d*) whether this new proposal is made because the surgeons are not subordinates of the Police Commissioner and grant certificates without fear or favour when police officers apply for the same ; and

(*e*) what is the actual number of police executive officers in the higher and lower grades who applied for medical certificates during the years from 1924 to 1927 ?

A.—(*a*) (1) The Government cannot discuss at the present stage any proposals now engaging their attention.

(2) There are city police surgeons in Bombay, Calcutta and Rangoon.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) See answer to clause (*a*).

(*e*) The Government have no information.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member whether there is any proposal at all before the Government to constitute separate hospitals for the police officers ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" As I said yesterday, it is confidential and it is now under the consideration of Government."

Enquiry into the murder of a student in Mannadi, Madras.

*881 Q.—Mr. C. S. GOVINDARAJA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he is aware of the gruesome murder of a student that took place in the latter house in Ramaswami street, the one parallel to the Nattukottai Chetti street, Mannadi, Madras City ;

(*b*) the reasons for the delay in bringing the offenders to justice ;

(*c*) whether he has issued orders for the employment of a special detective staff, local or imported, for finding out the offenders ; if not, why not ; and

(*d*) whether he will be pleased to lay on the table of the House the explanation of the police authorities justifying the inordinate delay in bringing to trial the offenders ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No evidence as to who the murderer is has yet been obtained. Investigation is proceeding.

(*c*) No orders have been issued by Government ; the matter is one within the competence of the Commissioner of Police.

(*d*) Police authorities can act only on evidence ; they have not yet been able to secure any.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to clause (*c*) of the question, may I know whether the police authorities have carried on any investigation into this matter or whether they are carrying on any investigation now ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " They are carrying on the investigation."